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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY
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1. AS PER REFTTEL, WE TOOK UP SUBJECT WITH THE MFA'S
OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS (MIRANDA), LEAVING WITH
HIM A NON-PAPER DRAWN FROM REFTTEL. IN RESPONSE, HE
SAID THE GOS WAS ALREADY AWARE OF THE IRAQI RESOLUTION
AND WORRIED ABOUT IT. IT WAS CLEARLY OF A NARROW
AND PARTICULAR POLITICAL FOCUS, MIRANDA SAID, AND THE
SSOD WAS NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR SUCH EFFORTS.

2. SPAIN NEVERTHELESS HAD A SPECIFIC PROBLEM,
MIRANDA POINTED OUT, SINCE KING JUAN CARLOS IS TO
VISIT IRAQ LATER THIS MONTH. MIRANDA SAID HE SAW NO
POSSIBILITY SPAIN WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION,
AND THOUGHT THE BEST WAY OUT MIGHT BE DEFERRING IT TO
A NORMAL UNGA SESSION.

3. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO THE FACTOR MENTIONED BY
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MIRANDA OF THE KING'S VISIT TO IRAQ, IRAQI VICE
PRESIDENT MA'RUF PAID A VISIT HERE AT THE END OF
APRIL WHICH WENT EXTREMELY WELL FROM THE GOS POINT
OF VIEW, WITH MA'RUF EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
SPANISH POSITION ON BOTH THE SAHARA AND CANARY ISLANDS
ISSUES, TWO OF SPAIN'S TOP DIPLOMATIC PRIORITIES AT
THIS TIME. REGARDING THE LATTER ISSUE, SUCH CO-

SPONSORS OF THE IRAQI RESOLUTION AS ANGOLA, CUBA, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, AND TUNISIA HAVE FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN SPANISH EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF AN EXPRESSION OF OAU SUPPORT FOR THE CANARIES INDEPENDENCE GROUP AT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT IN LATE JULY, WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA HAVING BEEN THE LONE SUPPORTERS OF THE SPANISH POSITION AT THE OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LIBYA. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE SPANISH PLACE ON THE CANARIES ISSUE AND ON SUCCESS IN KHARTOUM, THE GOS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO AVOID FRICTION WITH KEY ARAB AND AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE MEETING. THUS, WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE THE SPANISH WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN GENERATING OPPOSITION TO THE IRAQI RESOLUTION, AND CONSIDER SPANISH ABSTENTION MORE LIKELY THAN A NEGATIVE VOTE AT THIS STAGE. IN THE MEANWHILE, WE SUGGEST USUN FOLLOW UP WITH SPANISH UN MISSION AND, IF UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS ARE OBTAINED FROM SUCH EFFORTS, THAT WE BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP HERE AT A HIGHER LEVEL. EATON

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